



**Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare**  
**Behavioral Health Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2023

**Advisory Members Present:**

Jeff Leach  
Chris Kelly  
Medjine Desgraves  
John Sheehan  
Rob Hillabrand  
Amy Zimmer  
Michealle Vega-Hernandez  
Sharon Bump

**Advisory Members Absent:**

None

**Region 6 Staff Present**

Patti Jurjevich  
Taren Petersen  
John Murphy  
Melissa Schaefer  
Jennifer Sanders  
Curt Vincentini (via ZOOM)

**Recorder:**

Bev Jackson

**1. Welcome**

Jeff Leach welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call of the members determined that there was a quorum.

**3. Approval of the September 6, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

John Sheehan made the motion to approve the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes.  
Amy Zimmer seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

John made the motion to approve the November 1, 2023 agenda.  
Chris Kelly seconded the motion.  
The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

**5. FY23 Annual Site Visit Report and Summary – John Murphy**

John gave an overview of the FY23 Site Visit results. The full report and the summary was included in everyone's packet for their review.

John shared graphs on the screen highlighting the results of the FY23 Site Visits.

Medjine Desgraves and Rob Hillabrand joined the meeting at 9:05

John shared that he reviewed 21 programs. He selected 3,430.75 units for verification, and of those, he verified 98% (3,367.5 units).

John stated that the Site Visit Satisfaction Survey results had a 51% response rate with an overall satisfaction rate of 91%.

**6. Adolescent Substance Use Needs Assessment Report – Melissa Schaefer**

The full report, along with a copy of the PowerPoint Melissa shared, was included in everyone's packet for their review. Melissa presented her PowerPoint that recapped the results, along with a few highlights, and the data collected.

Michealle Vega-Hernandez joined the meeting at 9:10.

Melissa shared the strengths, weaknesses, and recommendations.

There were no questions or comments.

**7. 988 Update – Jennifer Sanders**

Jennifer had a PowerPoint that she shared with everyone, a copy of which was also included in everyone's packet for review.

Jennifer then proceeded to give an overview of the data collected from the last quarter. Jennifer shared the reason for the disparity in the number of calls presented and the number of calls answered is that there is an approximately 1 minute long informational message at the beginning of each call, so there a quite a few persons that just hang up before the call is answered. Amy asked if there is a way for this message to be shortened, with Patti asking if this is a Nebraska message or a nationwide message. Jennifer stated that this is a nationwide message that is included for legal and information purposes.

Medjine D asked what happens to the calls where the caller just hangs up? Jennifer explained that the 988 Hotline doesn't have geolocation, as the FCC hasn't allowed it yet, so they can't trace the location of the call.

Rob asked why texts wouldn't be answered. Jennifer responded that she didn't have that information, but she will get the answer and report back.

Jeff asked what is included in the 1 minute message? Taren responded that she will see if she can get a copy of it to share.

Sharon Bump shared that for deaf persons needing to use the 988 Hotline, there is a video phone connection that will connect them with a person that does sign language.

Michealle asked if Mobil Crisis Response (MCR) is sent, would the police also arrive? Jennifer replied that it would depend on the county, or where the person is located.

Patti asked if the MCR numbers are included in the numbers we receive each month and Jennifer responded that she will get the answer to that and report back.

Medjine asked if the process is different for youth and adults, Jennifer replied that she doesn't think so, but will report back on that also.

There were no further questions or comments.

**8. Update on FY24 Initiatives – Taren Petersen**

Taren gave an update to the activities and initiatives that are planned for FY24. A printout of this was included in everyone's packets for review.

Michealle asked if there will be more Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Training and Taren responded yes, there will be more of the Informed DBT Training, and she is hoping to be able to offer all the trainings again next year.

There were no further questions or comments.

**9. Crisis Stabilization Center Request for Proposal (RFP) – Jennifer Sanders**

**a. Review of RFP Process and Funding Recommendation**

Jennifer gave an overview of the RFP. There was also a copy in the members' packets. Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek a qualified, interested provider to develop an array of crisis services, at a Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center, located in Sarpy County.

Region 6 received a total of 4 letters of intent, and by close of business on October 13, 2023, Region 6 received 1 proposal from Heartland Family Service .

Jennifer then shared the schedule of events, proposals received, and the review committee recommendation.

The Review Committee met on October 20, 2023. It was recommended that Heartland Family Service be awarded the contract for the Crisis Stabilization and Resource Center. Heartland Family Service will be awarded \$1,157,224.00 for a partial year in FY24, with \$4,289,705.00 being awarded for FY25.

John asked where in Sarpy County would this be located, and Taren responded that she can't disclose that information just yet. Taren did share that even though the facility will be located in Sarpy County, services will be available for all 5 counties.

Amy asked Taren to explain what services will be offered. Taren stated that it would consist of triage, crisis stabilization, mental health respite and emergency community support, with recommendations made by local law enforcement, although it is voluntary. Taren also shared that there will be 16 beds available.

There were no further questions or comments.

**b. BHAC Recommendation to the Regional Governing Board**

John made the motion to recommend to the Regional Governing Board.

Chris seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was done, and the motion passed unanimously.

**10. Update on Recovery Support Request for Proposal (RFP) – Jennifer Sanders**

Jennifer gave an overview of the RFP for Region 6 Housing Programs. There was also a copy in the members' packets for review.

On October 2, 2023, Region 6 initiated an RFP. The deadline for proposal submission was Friday, October 20, 2023, by 4:00pm CST. By close of business on October 20, 2023, Region 6 received one proposal from Heartland Family Service.

Before proposals are sent to the RFP Review Committee, a specific review of each proposal is completed to determine that the submitting agency has followed the minimum standards in the RFP Guidelines. During this initial review, it was determined that Heartland Family Service did not meet the minimum standards for font size. The proposal was submitted with font smaller than 10-point. Heartland Family Service was notified of their proposal rejection on October 23, 2023.

Region 6 plans to re-release this RFP on Friday, October 27, 2023.

There were no questions or comments.

**11. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2024 Officers**

After a brief discussion, Chris Kelly, Michealle Vega-Hernandez and Medjine Desgraves volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee.

**12. Status Reports for Period Ending September 30, 2023 – Taren Petersen**

Reports were included in the packets for everyone's review.

**a. Contract Service Report - Taren Petersen**

Taren gave an update of the September 2023 Contract Service Reports. The drawdown target is expected to be at 25%. Mental Health is at 15.56% and Substance Use is at 19.82%.

She then drew everyone's attention to the additional Contract Drawdown Sheet which gives the information at a quick glance.

There were no questions or comments.

**b. Emergency Service Report – Curt Vincentini (via ZOOM)**

Curt gave everyone an update on the current progress in the emergency systems.

The number of EPCs are down.

Amy asked why the Washington County data isn't included and Curt replied that we have been having difficulties receiving data from the Washington County Attorney.

Curt also shared that we are looking at the possibility of reimbursing the PES when it is longer than 24 hours.

There were no further questions or comments.

**13. Holiday Luncheon Discussion**

Patti asked the Committee members for suggestion of restaurants for the Holiday Luncheon.

Medjine suggested Johnny's Italian Steakhouse at Village Point.

Johnny's Café was suggested as a backup.

Patti reminded everyone that the meeting will be held at 10:00 and the Holiday Luncheon will follow.

Bev will email the details when the December agenda is sent out.

**14. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**15. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris.

John seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously upon voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Prepared By: Beverly S. Jackson Date: 12-6-23

Approved By: [Signature] Date: 12/6/23